

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks:

Claims 17-27 and 35-43 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-16 and 28-34 have been withdrawn.

Regarding the Claim Objections

Claim 36 was objected to because it was unclear which claim it should depend from. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's close reading of the claims and has amended claim 36 to correctly depend from claim 35. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claim 36 be withdrawn and submits that claim 36 is ready for allowance.

Regarding the Election/Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement May 5, 2004, Applicant hereby elects claims Group II claims 17-27 and 35-43. Applicant hereby withdraws the remaining claims 1-16 and 28-34 without further traverse.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 17-27 and 35-43 are allowable.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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